

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to an amendment filed on 1/30/08.

As agreed upon in a telephonic interview requested by examiner with Applicant's representative (Joseph M. Sauer), claims 1~22, 24~26, 28~37, and 45~61 are in condition for allowance and remaining claims 23, 27, 38~44, and 62~99 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1~22, 24~26, 28~37, and 45~61 are allowable based on applicant's amendment/arguments filed on 1/30/08.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HEE SOO KIM whose telephone number is (571)270-3229. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:00AM - 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached o. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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